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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/751,155	NERONE, LOUIS R.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Tuyet Vo	2821	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to January 02, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 January 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>1/02/2004</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                                | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

  
**TUYET VO**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

## DETAIL ACTION

### *Examiner's Amendment*

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as following:

In the specification, page 4, line 3, delete "68" and insert --38--;

line 8, delete "70, 72" and insert --68,70--;

line 9, delete "70, 72" and insert --68,70--;

line 13, delete "74 and 76" and insert --72 and 74--;

line 15, delete "78, 80" and insert --76, 78--, delete  
"parallel" and insert --series--;

line 16, delete "74, 76" and insert --72, 74, delete "78,  
80" and insert --76, 78--;

line 19, delete "82" and insert --80--, delete "78" and  
insert --76--;

line 20, delete "80" and insert --78--;

line 21, delete "74, 76" and insert --72, 74--;

line 22, delete "78, 80" and insert --76, 78--;

line 23, delete "74, 76" and insert --72, 74--;

line 24, delete "78 and 80" and insert --76 and 78--;

line 26, delete "74, 76" and insert --72, 74--;

line 28, delete "82" and insert --80--; and

line 29, delete "82" and insert --80--, delete "84, 86"  
and insert --82, 84--.

page 5, line 1, delete "84, 86" and insert --82, 84--;

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line 6, delete "82" and insert --80--; and

line 7, delete "82" and insert --80--.

The above noted amendment has been added in order to correct typographical errors in the specification.

### ***Reasons For Allowance***

2. Claims 1-16 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to disclose a continuous mode electronic ballast for operating a high intensity discharge lamp enhancing high power dissipation required during initial starting up by comprising an inverter, a resonant circuit, a clamping circuit and a multiplier established in a manner as required in claims 1 and 12, in that, a multiplier circuit, operationally coupled to the resonant circuit to boost the voltage clamped by the clamping circuit to a value sufficient to permit starting of the lamp, wherein the clamping circuit and the multiplier circuit cooperate to facilitate a continuous starting of the lamp.
4. The remaining dependent claims are allowable for at least above reason.
5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicants' disclosure. Nerone et al. (US Pub. 2004/0207335) discloses continuous mode voltage fed inverter. Shone et al. (US Pat. 6,160,362) discloses ignition scheme for a high intensity discharge lamp. None of cited prior arts stands alone or combination with others discloses all limitation required in claim invention.

### ***Correspondence***

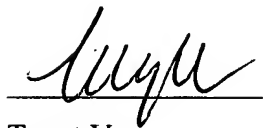
Any comments considered necessarily by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuyet Vo whose telephone number is 571 272 1830. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on 571 272 1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding assigned is 703 872 9306 for regular communications and for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 308 0956.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tuyet Vo', is written over a horizontal line.

Tuyet Vo

Primary Examiner

March 8, 2005